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SUBJECT: 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: POPULATION (ITEM 11)

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1. SUMMARY: OMNIBUS DRAFT DECISION ADOPTED JUNE 27 WITHOUT DEBATE FOLLOWING INFORMAL, COOPERATIVE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG MAJOR DONORS. SWEDISH DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE TOKEN CONTRIBUTION IN 1977 OF \$2,300,000 TO WHO EXPANDED RESEARCH PROGRAM HEADED OFF BY GERMAN AMENDMENT REGARDING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AND PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT TEXT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE SUCH CONTRIBUTION IF DONOR CONSENSUS ACHIEVED DURING INFORMAL MEETING WITH UNFPA LATER IN YEAR. DECISION ON INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT INVOLVED NO CONFLICTS.

2. US-CANADIAN DRAFT DECISION AS SUBSTITUTE FOR SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOCUSED UPON APPLICATION OF PRIORITIES IN ALLOCATION OF UNFPA RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGY FOR FUTURE SUPPORT OF INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES. STRATEGY FORMULATION IS TO BE BASED UPON RELEVANCE TO BASIC COUNTRY PROGRAMS. PENDING ADOPTION OF SUCH STRATEGY, FUND WAS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE ITS DIMINISHING SUPPORT OF INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PROGRAMMING.

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3. FRG AMENDMENT REGARDING INNOVATIVE GLOBAL PROJECTS (SEE PARA C-V OF TEXT BELOW) WAS INTRODUCED DURING CONSULTATIONS INSTEAD OF REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO WHO EXPANDED PROGRAM ALTHOUGH GERMAN DELEGATE DENIED ANY SUCH CONNECTION. DUTCH ADDED "EFFECTIVENESS" CLAUSE IN SAME PARA TO PRESERVE USEFUL TRAINING PROGRAMS.

4. THE ISSUE OF FLEXIBILITY IN APPLICATION OF PRIORITIES HAD WIDE SUPPORT (SEE US STATEMENT) AND IS REFLECTED IN PARA C-VI.

5. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, PARA 5, CONSENSUS DEVELOPED FOR APPROVAL AUTHORITY AT REQUESTED LEVEL OF 105 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1978. SECRETARIAT DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BUT DELEGATIONS CONCLUDED THAT TARGET WAS REASONABLE.

6. SWEDISH DEL, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, PRESSED FOR "TOKEN" CONTRIBUTION IN 1977 OF 2,300,000 DOLLARS TO WHO EXPANDED PROGRAM. PHRASING OF PARA C-(V) AND ASSURANCES BY OTHER MAJOR DONORS THAT PARA C-(III) DID NOT PER SE PRECLUDE A CONTRIBUTION DETERRED A FORMAL REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION. WEO/NORDIC DELEGATIONS NEGOTIATING TEXT OF DECISION AGREED TO INFORM UNFPA (GILLE) THAT A CONTRIBUTION TO EXPANDED PROGRAM SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJOR DONORS IN NEW YORK LATER IN THE YEAR.

7. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF OMNIBUS DECISION TAKEN ON ITEM 11. PARAGRAPH 8 GIVES TEXT OF DECISION ON ITEM 11(E)-UNFPA FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE POSTS.

QUOTE. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS MADE DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 11,

(A) TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFPA ON 1976 ACTIVITIES AND THE FUTURE PROGRAMME (DP/250 AND CORR.1
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AND DP/250/ANNEX);

(B) APPROVES THE UNFPA PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASPECTS OF INTEGRATED BASIC HEALTH SERVICES IN NEPAL (DP/FPA/7/ADD.1) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$680,600 FOR AN ESTIMATED PERIOD OF TWO YEARS;

(C) TAKES NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PROGRESS REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES IN THE ALLOCATION OF UNFPA RESOURCES (DP/263, AND:

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(I) NOTES THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT, WHICH ARE TO BE APPLIED IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR FUTURE UNFPA SUPPORT OF INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES;

(II) REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CIRCULATE TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL THE REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

(III) REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE THE PROPOSED STRATEGY, BEARING IN MIND THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE FORMULATION OF BASIC POPULATION PROGRAMMES, AND TO INCLUDE IN THE STRATEGY CONSIDERATION OF THE ROLE OF UNFPA IN RESEARCH;

(IV) FURTHER REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JUNE 1978;

(V) NOTES THAT THE DECLINING SCALE OF RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY UNFPA TO INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES IN 1975 AND 1976 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CEILING APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION FOR UNFPA SUPPORT OF INTERCOUNTRY ACTIVITIES, AND REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE THIS DOWNWARD TREND TO SUPPORT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE STRATEGY FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL RESEARCH PROJECTS OF AN INNOVATIVE CHARACTER AND OF INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMS OF PROVEN EFFECTIVENESS;

(VI) REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REPORT ON FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN THE APPLICATION OF CRITERIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES, BEARING IN MIND THE NECESSITY OF A FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRIORITIES AND THE POPULATION NEEDS OF ALL DEVELOPING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES;

(D) DECIDES TO GIVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADDITIONAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY OF 57 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1978, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THAT YEAR TO 105 MILLION DOLLARS, 37.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1979, AND 17.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1980, ON THE UNDERSTANDING

THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD LIMIT THE APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO T
HE
AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES. END QUOTE

8. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

(A) TAKES NOTE OF THE PROGRESS REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF UNFPA (DP/257);

(B) AUTHORIZES HIM TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THIS SUBJECT WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER
REDUCING UNFPA-FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE POSTS ON THE BASIS OF THE
AGREED DEFINITION OF SUCH POSTS, UNTIL A DESIRABLE MINIMUM OF
UNFPA-FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE POSTS IS ATTAINED IN EACH ORGANIZATION;

(C) REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A FURTHER REPORT ON
THIS SUBJECT TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, BEARING
IN MIND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL. END QUOTE

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9. FOREGOING REPORT AND COUNCIL DECISION SHOULD BE NOTED IN
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